

WNTC Changes Format

by Christopher Bacon

Hey people, there is a new phenomena on the Potsdam cable system--you know, those two little screw terminals in your room that you can connect to a TV set or FM radio? This new happening is WNTC, FM-90's new sound, known as AOR for Album-Oriented Rock. The change was made at the beginning of the semester, to replace the tired old "top-40" sound of years gone by. Gary Anderson, a senior Chemical Engineering major and WNTC's Music Director, explained that the change was made to keep in touch with the times. Many stations across the country have already changed, or are going to change to AOR.

The AOR format is similar to "top-40" in that the best 50 songs, as determined by either Billboard Magazine or the station's music director, are set up on a playlist that is rotated every month, with approximately 12 songs changed every week. The Disc Jockeys can play any songs they like from the playlist, as long as they do at least seven of the listed songs every hour. They are free to play whatever else

they want, just as long as it is in keeping with the "WNTC sound" for the rest of the time.

Gary explained that the reason for this requirement was to keep the station's sound similar throughout the day. There is still plenty of room for original programming on the part of the D.J.s, however. The playlist spans the gamut from New Wave to Golden Oldies, with plenty in-between.

Other changes in the station include the replacement or rebuilding of much of the equipment to improve the sound quality of the broadcast. If you have tuned into FM-90 lately, you may have already noticed that the signal is much sharper and clearer than it was last semester. The station hopes to go stereo in two weeks to a month, as soon as new transmitting equipment is delivered and installed.

WNTC eventually wants to go to 24 hour a day operation. They would like to have students run the station from 7:00 am until 2:00 am every day, and let their

mystery D.J. "Clyde" (actually a big tape recorder that can go for up to six hours at a time) take over until 7:00 am again. Anybody can be a DJ. on WNTC; because it is a

cable station, no FCC license is required. The controls are easy to operate, and the staff is more than happy to train anybody who is interested in how to use them. WNTC will

be holding an interest meeting on Tuesday, February 10, at 8:00 pm in room 312 of the Science Center. Why not stop in and join the fun?

WNTC Playlist

Artist:

Abba
AC/DC
April Wine
David Bowie
Blues Brothers
Blondie
Pat Benatar
City Boy
Climax Blues Band
The Clash
The Cars
John Cougar
Doug and the Slugs
Chris Deburgh
Dire Straits
Firefall
4 Out Of 5 Doctors
Nick Gilder
Todd Hobin
Donnie Iris
Jam
Kansas
John Lennon
Loverboy
Larsen/Feiten Band

Title:

Winner Takes it All
Back in Black
Sign of the Gypsy Queen
Fashion
Who's Making Love
T Bird
Treat Me Right
Heads Are Rolling
Hold on to Your Heart
The Magnificent Seven
Gimme Some Slack
Hot Night In A Cold Town
Chinatown Calculation
Shadows & Lights
Skateaway
Staying With It
Modern Man
Wild Ones
Passion and The Pain
Ah Leah
Start
Got To Rock On
Starting Over
Turn Me Loose
She's Not In Love

John Lennon
Loverboy
Molly Hatchet
Delbert McClinton
Moon Martin
Manfred Mann
Eddie Money
New York Flyers
Outlaws
Alan Parsons Project
The Police
REO Speedwagon
Eddie Rabbit
Split Enz
707
Bruce Springsteen
Styx
Rod Stewart
Steeley Dan
Phil Seymour
Toto
Pete Townshend
Thin Lizzy
Vapors
XTC

Woman

The Kid Is Hot Tonight
The Rambler
Givin It Up For Your Love
Pushed Around
For You
Trinidad
The Record Song
(Ghost) Riders In The Sky
Games People Play
Canary In A Coalmine
Keep On Lovin YOU
I Love A Rainy Night
What's The Matter With YOU
You Who Needs To Know
Hungry Heart
The Best Of Times
Passion
Hey Nineteen
Don't Blow Your Life Away
Live For Today
Rough Boys
Chinatown
Sixty Second Interval
Generals & Majors